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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

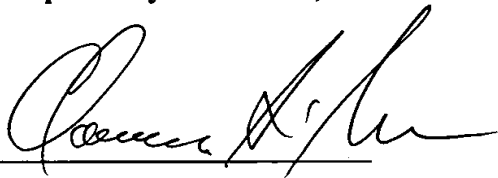
This Information Disclosure Statement is filed together with the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 CFR(e) or fee under 37 CFR 1/17(p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The above identified patent application claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 00/14990 filed November 14, 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a French Search Report issued on the priority French Patent Application No. FR 00/14990. The Search Report cited French Patent Application No. FR 2696031; United States Patent Nos.: US 5,986,891, US 5,224,873; US 6,099,337 and Patent Abstracts of Japan

document No. JP 10106674. Applicants' attorney also encloses a copy of United States Patent No. US 5,603,629 that was cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

Copies of the French Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

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